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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Corey J. Kenneally, et al : Confirmation No. 6519
Serial No.: 09/554,211 : Group Art Unit: 1621
Filed: May 10, 2000 : Examiner: D. Carr
Title: **A Process for Making High Purity Lower Alkyl Esters**

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 10/22/02

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 10/22/02 in the above-identified patent Application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Application in view of the following remarks. An RCE and a Supplemental IDS are also enclosed.

REMARKS

Status of the Case

Claims 11-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 11-13, 17-18, 20, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated. Claims 11-39 are pending in the case.

A. 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph, Rejection

Claims 11-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.